

I would respectfully ask you to reject #02-230, that limits the use of digital television sets. As currently written, this would limit the full use of the capabilities of digital televisions and other electronic equipment capable of receiving digital broadcasts.

The proposal before the commission was the product of a select group of industry insiders who brokered the deal. It would be unfortunate if the FCC were to approve of this pact at the expense of consumer flexibility and choice.

While improper use is a valid concern, it is not the only issue that should be considered. Entertainment industry protections must be weighed against consumers' freedom to purchase and employ technology to enhance and utilize content. If enacted, proposal would ignore these concerns and turn technological development over to an all-powerful part of the entertainment industry.

In recent years, the entertainment industry has become acutely aware of the challenges it faces in the digital era. But these challenges should not give it the right to restrict consumers the ability to record their favorite programs, or purchase electronic devices that allow them to record and save memorable family moments. The market is best suited to address and weigh these concerns and the FCC should give it time to work before attempting to correct a possible problem before it even exists and thereby limit the consumer the ability to fully use technology to its fullest extent.